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For: METHOD OF PRE-SOAKING AND	)	
REINFORCING NON-EDIBLE	)	
COLLAGEN CASINGS	)	

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant provides information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

Applicant provides a copy of Swedish Patent No. 515,441 that is discussed at Pages 2 (bottom) and 3 (top) of the Specification.


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The examination and allowance of the Application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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